



State of North Carolina
More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program
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Governor

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The Honorable Marc Basnight
The Honorable James Black
The Honorable Richard T. Morgan
North Carolina General Assembly
Legislative Building
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

Dear Senator Basnight and Speakers Black and Morgan:

Pursuant to Session Law 2003, Section 10.40.(e), a progress report on the development and implementation of the *More at Four* Pre-Kindergarten Program is enclosed. As Director of the *More at Four* Pre-K Program Office, I am forwarding this report on behalf of Secretary Carmen Hooker Odom and Superintendent Michael E. Ward, co-chairs of the *More at Four* Pre-K Program Task Force.

This progress report provides an overview of the program in 2002-03, as well as a mid-year update for 2003-04. The 2002-03 review includes information on children served, county and site participation, preliminary child outcomes from the external evaluation, information on teacher credentials, and expenditure information. The mid-year update for 2003-04 includes children enrolled to date, county participation, and budget by expenditure categories. Secretary Hooker Odom, Superintendent Ward, or I will be glad to answer any additional questions that may arise regarding this report. I can be reached at 919-715-0040.

As specified in the legislation, this report is also being sent to the co-chairs of the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the co-chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives Appropriations Committees on Health and Human Services. In addition, copies are being sent to the Senate and House of Representatives Appropriations Committee Chairs.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Cobb, Director
More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program

Attachment

cc: Secretary Odom
Superintendent Mike Ward